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Finance Committee Minutes 04-14-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING

4/14/04

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Feinleib*	O'Riordan*	O'Neill	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons	Morrissette*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont	Jones	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Arlington Soccer Club Representative Lin Reale, Paul Bayer
 MINUTES of 4/12 approved as corrected. Unanimous

BUDGET DEFICIT STATUS: The Chair reviewed the Manager's budget balancing proposal presented on Monday. It is a one year solution that depends on further use of reserves and does not assume the most expensive collective bargaining outcome. The Manager will come to the Saturday meeting with specific proposals for covering the remaining \$1.1m deficit.

DRAFT REPORT: The Chair provided a draft and reviewed the votes on all articles with additional votes as follows:

ART 29 NEWS RACKS: No specific proposal received. VOTED No report. Unanimous.

ART 50 RESERVE FUND POLICY COMMITTEE: After some discussion, the previous vote of no action was not changed. The Chair will explain that "Reserve Fund" in this context is not the Reserve Fund appropriated in Budget 26.

ART 51 TRUST FUND POLICY COMMITTEE: No report. Unanimous.

ART 57 CAPITAL BUDGET: The Manager's proposal to take an additional \$700k from the Stabilization Fund will be used to reduce the appropriation for this budget. VOTED \$6,307,130. Unanimous. Foskett to revise the material to be included in the FinCom report.

ART 59 HARDY SCHOOL: The cost for correcting the noise problem will not be known until the bids are opened in May. The draft wording leaves a blank to be filled in at that time before the Town Meeting votes. VOTED to approve the wording in the draft. Unanimous.

ART 60 DALLIN SCHOOL: The PTBC has requested that this matter be handled in a Special Town Meeting so that the Town can meet the time line associated with bid opening in early May. VOTED to approve the wording in the draft which will be the recommended vote at the Special TM. Unanimous.

ART 62 SEWER RECONSTRUCTION: VOTED \$370,425 Unanimous. This will require a change in the capital budget. Most of this expense will be paid from a MWRA loan. The loan is intended to be repaid w/ increased W&S rates which require future BOS support.

ART 63 WATER MAINS & FACILITIES: VOTED \$700k. Unanimous. This too is MWRA loan funded.

ART 74 POSITION RECLASSIFICATION: The Personnel Director requested that the Working Forman reclassification be deleted. Otherwise the actions are the same as voted previously. VOTED to approve the Personnel Director's request. Unanimous. An error in the draft will be corrected.

ART 78 FIELD USER FEES: VOTED no report at this time. Unanimous.

ART 80 NO TRASH COLLECTION: On this and subsequent articles some members wished to keep the option open until the Manager presents his plan. Others suggest that action on this matter is premature pending completion of the BOS PAYT Study Committee. The Chair stated that reconsideration is possible if necessary. VOTED no action 11-1

ART 81 FLAT TRASH COLLECTION FEE: VOTED no action 9-0

ART 82 PAYT: VOTED no action 11-0

ART 87 TIP FEE STABILIZATION FUNDS TRANSFER: VOTED to transfer \$2,489,100 to the sanitation budget. Unanimous.

ART 88 CEMETERY FUNDS TRANSFER: No funds available. VOTED no action. Unanimous.

BUD 16 PUBLIC WORKS: A trash collection contract is nearing completion. VOTED to decrease the budget for Curbside Collection by \$300,000. VOTED to withdraw an additional \$400,000 from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund as proposed by the Manager. Unanimous.

BUD 18b STREET LIGHTS: VOTED to reduce this budget to \$250,000 as proposed by the Manager. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Mtg scheduled for Saturday 4/17 from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Jefferson Cutter House. No mtgs planned for next week. Wrapup dinner planned for Monday 6/21. DuBois & Fanning to find a restaurant.

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 4/15/04

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Library file, Town Manager, Town Web Site

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$ Vote/ assigned to BOS
1	2/18	2/18	9995	Unanimous	15	2/9		BOS
2	3/29,3/22	3/29	346565	Unanimous	28			
3	3/1	3/1	330845	Unanimous	29		4/14	No report Unanimous
4	3/10	3/10	142185	Unanimous	30	2/18	2/18	support BOS Unanimous
5	2/23	2/23	785101	Unanimous	44	3/10,31	3/31	1500000 13-1
6	2/23	2/23	549140	Unanimous	45	2/23,31	3/31	no action Unanimous
7	2/23	2/23	124512	Unanimous	47			
8	3/22	3/22	265596	Unanimous	48	3/17	3/17	BOS to report
9	2/18	2/18	705026	Unanimous	49	2/2	2/4	favorable action Unanimous
10	3/1	3/1	197481	Unanimous	50	2/2	2/4	Sup BOS,no action 13-1
11	3/13,17	3/17	53987	Unanimous	51	2/2	4/14	no report Unanimous
12	2/23	2/23	73871	Unanimous	52			Budgets
13	2/18	2/18	166919	Unanimous	53	3/22	3/22	2140851 Unanimous
14	2/18	2/18	391895	Unanimous	54	3/10	3/10	13067 Unanimous
15	2/18,23	2/23	20887	Unanimous	55	3/10	3/10	Same as FY04 Unanimous
16	3/1	3/1,4/14	6229445	Unanimous	56	3/10	3/10	48848 Unanimous
17a	2/23	2/23	302851	Unanimous	57	3/15,3/29	3/29 4/14	6307130 Unanimous
17b	2/23	2/23	4330026	12-2	58	2/8	3/31	no action Unanimous
17c	3/15	3/15	4533811	Unanimous	59	3/13,1	4/14	\$TBD Unanimous
17d	3/15	3/15,3/29	628358	9-4	60	3/1	3/31	up to \$12m Unanimous
18a	2/23	2/23	301606	Unanimous	61	2/4	3/31	no action Unanimous
18b	2/23,3/1	3/17,4/14	250000	Unanimous	62	3/10	4/14	370425 Unanimous
19	3/8	3/29	31141587	11-2	63	3/10	4/14	700000 Unanimous
20	3/17	3/17	1510638	Unanimous	64	2/4	2/4	favorable action Unanimous
21a	3/1	3/1	114115	Unanimous	65	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21b	3/1	3/1	139007	Unanimous	66	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21c	3/1	3/1	171938	Unanimous	67	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21d					68	3/10		Report at TM Raises
22/23	2/23	2/23	6107184	Unanimous	69	3/10		Report at TM Raises
25	3/10,3/17	3/10,3/17	10805631	Unanimous	70	3/10		Report at TM Raises
26	3/29	3/29	300000	Unanimous	71	3/10		Report at TM Raises
WS	3/31				72	3/10	3/29	1291025 11-2
Rec	3/1,31	4/12	3997	Unanimous	73	3/10		Report at TM Raises
Erik	3/31	3/31	13421	Unanimous	74	3/10,31	3/31,4/14	5540 Unanimous
COA	3/1	3/1	2649	Unanimous	75	2/4	3/31	no action Unanimous
YS	3/1	3/1	169080	Unanimous	76	2/18	3/10,3/15	No action Unanimous
					77	3/17	3/17	No action Unanimous
					78	3/15 4/12	4/14	no report Unanimous
ART					79	3/17	3/17	No action Unanimous
86	3/10	3/10	211572	Unanimous	80	2/9,4/12	4/14	No action 11-1
87		4/14	2489100	Unanimous	81	2/9,4/12	4/14	No action 9-0
88		4/14	No action	Unanimous	82	2/9,4/12	4/14	No action 11-0
89	3/31	3/31	500000	Unanimous	83	3/10	3/10	No report Unanimous
90	3/31	3/31	no action	Unanimous	84	3/10	3/10	No report Unanimous
91	3/31	3/31	1414803	Unanimous	85	3/10	3/10	No action Unanimous